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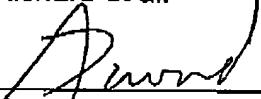
The Restriction Requirement Office action of May 19, 2005 identified two allegedly distinct inventions which required restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121. Particularly, the following two groups were identified as being directed two distinct inventions: Group I comprising claims 1 to 23; Group II comprising claims 24 to 32.

The Applicant accordingly elects, without traverse, claims 1 to 23 of Group I for examination in the present application. Claims 24 to 32 have therefore been cancelled without prejudice, however Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications for unelected Group II at a later date.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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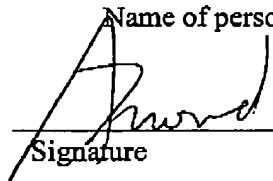
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